

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the last three years, the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted 15 proposals for implementation of National Child Labour Scheme at Akola, Ahmednagar, Amravati, Aurangabad, Beed, Chandrapur, Dhule, Hingoli, Jalgaon, Jalna, Nanded, Nasik, Osmanabad, Parbani and Yavatmal. Similarly, the State Government of Bihar has also submitted proposal for inclusion of Munger district under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme.

(c) The number of children to be covered and budget requirement in the districts is subject to the number of child labour identified working in hazardous occupations/processes during the survey conducted by the districts under the NCLP scheme.

The districts under the NCLP scheme are identified by the Government on the basis of endemicity of child labour. Some of these proposals received from the State Government have already been covered under the NCLP Scheme.

Release of grants to these two states during the last three years are as follow:

Name of State	Grants released (in crore)		
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Maharashtra	1.16	3.40	4.48
Bihar	1.92	2.82	4.33

Decreasing importance of employment exchanges

1602. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that importance of Employment Exchanges has come down;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking so that Employment Exchanges can compete with private consultancy firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no competition between Employment Exchange and private consultancy firms. Employment Exchanges with a network of 947 offices spread throughout the length and breadth of the country are providing free services to the job seekers, employers, etc. through their various functions such as registration, submission of names to employers, career counseling, vocational guidance and collection of labour market information.

Incidents of violation of ban on child labour

1603. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of employment of children under 14 in domestic and hospitality sector were reported after recent notification banning the above;

(b) if so, details thereof including number of such cases reported and action taken State-wise, Category-wise as on date;

(c) whether activities that have incidence and high incidence of child labour has been indentified;

(d) if so, details of such activity State-wise, category-wise as on date; and

(e) if not, whether steps will be taken to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Governments are 'appropriate' Government for implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 in their respective